REMARKS

The language introduced in Claims 1, 5, 16 and 23 finds support in the specification in page 5, lines 7-8.

Claims 1-10 and 13-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Kawasaki et al (U.S. Patent 3,755,275).

As presently amended the claims do not refer to vanadium. As such Kawasaki is believed avoided and the claims patentable thereover.

Claims 1-11 and 13-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Kuntz et al (U.S. Patent 4,175,017).

As presently amended the claims do not refer to vanadium. As such Kuntz is believed avoided and the claims patentable thereover.

Believing the above represent a complete response to the Office Action and that the application is in condition for allowance, Applicants request the earliest issuance of an indication to this effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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